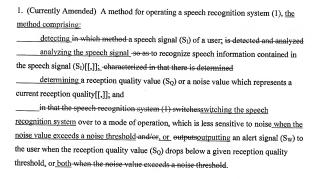
2. Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:



- 2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that the speech recognition system is further comprising; automatically reset resetting the speech recognition system to the a previous mode of operation when the reception quality value (SQ) exceeds the reception quality threshold again or when the noise value drops below the noise threshold-again.
- (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, eharacterized in that further comprising deactivating a barge-in mode of operation of the speech recognition system

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when the reception quality value drops below the reception quality threshold or the noise value exceeds the noise threshold, a barge in mode of operation of the speech recognition system (1) is deactivated.

- 4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in one of the claims 1, characterized in thatwherein the reception quality value (S_Q) or the noise value is determined with by means of a voice activity detector.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in one of the claims 1, eharacterized in that wherein the reception quality value (SQ) or the noise value is determined on the basis of a background signal which is received prior to thea beginning of the an utterance, and/or in a speech pause of the user, or both.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that wherein the voice activity detector (5) applies the reception quality value (SQ) or the noise value itself and/or, when the reception quality value drops below the reception quality threshold or when the noise value exceeds the noise threshold, a reception corruption indication signal (SEB) to a dialog control device (10).
- 7. A method as claimed in one of the claims 1, further comprising: eharacterized in that when the reception corruption indication signal (S_{EB}) is received and/, or when the received reception quality value (S_Q) drops below the reception quality threshold or the noise value exceeds the noise threshold, the dialog control device (10) initiates the-an output of a prompt (S_W) to the user who is thus given the information that indicating that the reception conditions are poor.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in one of the claims 1, eharacterized-in thatfurther comprising:

given noise threshold,

value exceeds the noise threshold, or both.

analyzing an incoming signal is analyzed as regards the for a type of disturbance
causing the reception quality value (SQ) to be below the reception quality threshold or the
noise value to be above the noise threshold[[,]], and outputting and that a prompt (Sw)
which contains this information is output to the user.
9. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition system, comprising: (1) which comprises
means (5) for the detection of detecting a speech signal (S1) of a user; and
a speech recognition device (7) adapted to analyzefor analyzing the detected
speech signal (S_l) so as to recognize speech information contained in the speech
signal[[,]]; characterized in that it comprises
a quality control device (6) for adapted to determine determining a reception
quality value (S _Q) or a noise value, representing a current reception quality,
a comparator for comparing adapted to compare the reception quality value (SQ)
with a predetermined reception quality threshold or for comparing the noise value with a

and control means (9, 10) which are constructed in such a manner that the adapted to switch the speech recognition system (1) is switched over to a mode of operation which is less sensitive to noise, or and/or an alert signal (Sw) is output to the user when the reception quality value drops below the reception quality threshold or when the noise

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising A₂ computer program executable on a computer readable medium which comprises program code means for carrying out all of the method steps of a method as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 8 when the program is run on a computer.

11. (New) A speech recognition system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the means for detecting a speech signal comprises a voice activity detector.

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- 12. (New) A speech recognition system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control means further comprises a barge-in switching unit.
- 13. (New) A speech recognition system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control means further comprises a dialog control device.